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## **RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated August 16, 2007, please consider the following. No fees are believed to be required for this submission; however, if any fees are deemed necessary, please charge said fees to Deposit Account No. 12-2424, but not to include the payment of any issue fee.